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Covington  
Landing scoop!**

# The Whistleblower

Or "Some of the News They Seem to Lose" ©  
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## This Week's Really Big Story

### School tax campaign a hoax

You really have to hand to Brewster Rhoads and his highly-paid professionals trying to sell this year's 38% Cincinnati School Tax Increase.

Their scam is the finest piece of political flim-flam this town has ever seen.

They couldn't be honest and admit that it's a "tax increase."

It started out as a 9.83 mil levy.

Now, according to their yard signs and the carefully coached comments by little children at contrived media events, "School reform is Issue 7."

Strangely enough, words like "cost" and "tax" are never uttered.

### Brewster's \$ Millions\$

*"Forget it, Kid!  
If we told 'em  
the truth,  
they'd never  
buy it!"*



### Here's what the 38% Cincinnati School Tax Increase will really cost

If your house is presently valued at	Your 38% School Tax increase in 1991 will be	Plus the school taxes you're already paying	For a grand total of old and new school taxes of
\$70,000	\$211	\$ 558	\$ 769
80,000	241	638	879
90,000	271	717	988
100,000	301	797	1,098
110,000	331	877	1,208
120,000	361	957	1,318
130,000	391	1,036	1,428
140,000	422	1,116	1,538

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## Top Ten List

This week, it's the top ten reasons Judge Nadine Allen gave for her alleged attempts to influence another judge hearing the drug trafficking trial of a family friend:



10. I forgot
9. The dog ate it
8. I shot her cause I loved her
7. I did it to help the homeless
6. The Devil made me do it
5. I just wanted to be loved—is there anything wrong with that?
4. I'm Italian
3. I was framed
2. This whole thing is just one big terrible mistake

And the number one reason Judge Nadine Allen gave for her alleged attempts to influence another judge hearing the drug trafficking trial of a family friend is...Tom Luken and Leslie Isiah Gaines said nobody would ever find out.

## Discipline policy on target

In spite of the fact that a Withrow High School teacher strolled into the building with a gun strapped to his belt last Wednesday, Cincinnati Federation of Teachers President Tom Mooney claimed that the new school discipline program was really working.



## Mayor accuses Chabot of "putzing around"

"It's a good thing Steve Chabot doesn't know Yiddish," said Dave Mann, after accusing the dim-witted county commissioner of "putzing around" on jail construction.

Mann said he's not worried that Chabot will get mad when he finds out what "putz" actually means.

"At least none of the reporters heard me when I called Nick Vehr a 'schmuck,'" the mayor said.



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## Real Letters from Real Readers

Sirs:  
So what if my new TV talk show gets flushed down the crapper? At least I got a new hair style and a bunch of nice new suits?  
**Jerry Springer**

Sirs:  
This may sound funny, but before I took up child molesting, I wanted to be a priest.  
**Lou Torok**

Sirs:  
Scientists recently uncovered a 4000-year-old man in the Alps. So that's where my younger brother went.  
**Bobbie Sterne**

Sirs:  
I don't seem to be getting along too well with some of my constituents. Could you let me borrow your Swahili dictionary?  
**Mayor David Mann**

Sirs:  
I bet there'll be a lot of people showing up to see me later this month when I tell the Society of Marketing Executives how I paid myself \$170,000 before my company went bankrupt.  
**Ron Jackson**

Sirs:  
If you want to have lunch with me at the Congressional Dining Room at the Capitol Hill County Club, bring lots of money. Suddenly, I find it's very difficult to cash a check.  
**Landslide Charlie Luken**

Sirs:  
Do you think it hurts our credibility to continue to show our Past President Mickey Esposito's name on our letterhead?  
**The Talbert House**

Sirs:  
What a way to celebrate Crime Prevention Month...I got my apartment robbed.  
**Police Chief Larry Whalen**

Sir:  
I bet you can hardly wait till there are more black women Democratic judges.  
**Judge Nadine Allen**

Sirs:  
I'll bet that bitch Laura Pulfer at *Cincinnati Magazine* was sorry she gave me the "Worst Promoter" award after I got my mug on Jenny Jones' nationally syndicated TV talk show last week.  
**Ahron "Mr. No Smoke" Leichtman**

Sirs:  
My partner Eddie Fingerstains wants you to know that WEBN is not sponsoring the Pro-Pot Rally on Fountain Square scheduled for Oct. 20. It's another one of those staged 38% School Tax Increase kick-off promotions.  
**Robin Woodstock**

Sirs:  
If I had only one life to live, I'd like it to be covering the Chippendale dancers.  
**Michael Collins**



## Another Exclusive Whistleblower Report

### GOP ignores suburban candidates

Thanks to the Jimmy Carter-appointed federal judge who cancelled Hamilton County's judicial elections this year, GOP suburban candidates may find their party endorsement isn't worth a bucket of warm spit.

In the old days, the Republican machine's deep desire to hold onto their judges would cause the money to flow like water. 700 Walnut would cheerfully pay for those funny little pink sample ballots and the people to pass them out at the polls.

With no judges to promote county-wide, insiders report the Republicans are pulling back on their commitment to the suburban hopefuls. This is more than a lucky break for the downtown guys in some spots.

The Colerain Township situation is causing them to shuck and jive. Imagine Republican headquarters saying "we're going to remain neutral in that race," as they were recently quoted, instead of "sure, we're backing the endorsed Re-

publican candidates." What kind of a party denies the candidates its own precinct executives endorsed?

The absence of judicial races gives them an easy out. How much do you want to bet they tell the endorsed Colerain Republicans that they "won't be providing poll workers or sample ballots" this year?

That's because the candidates the precinct executives endorsed aren't downtown's choice.

That's because the Colerain precinct execs turned down the re-election bid by county employee and daughter-of-the-former Congressman, **Patty Clancy**.

That's because the current majority in the Colerain GOP includes a sizable number of "Platform Republicans."

When the loyal Republicans in Ohio's most populous township figure out that they're being hornswoggled by County Headquarters sharpies and **Clean Gene**, the fun will really begin.



### Coming next issue City Council election update

#### United Appall People

Beloved character actor **Tor Johnson** calls **Lori Holladay** at the United Appall's Greater Cincinnati Film Commission every day to see if there is a part for him in any of the movies that are supposed to be filmed locally.

Lori tells Tor about all the money they are getting from all those wonderful film premiers, all about her nice salary, and all the film stars she's had her picture taken with. She also tell Tor that she will have a nice part for him very soon.



**"The Church is tax exempt. That's why I endorse it."**

**Vote for the 38% School Tax Levy Increase!**

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## Cheap Shots

### Fee speech

We always knew what **Dennis Barrie** was, but it was only a matter of price. Last week, the CAC Director traveled to Miami University in Oxford to support the First Amendment and collect a \$4000 handout from *Playboy* editor-in-chief **Christie Heffner**.

It's nice, however, to know that Barrie thinks pictures of naked girls are pretty, too.



### Suitable employment

The lovely-and-talented **Jennifer Kent** was just named Retail columnist at the *Cincinnati Post*. Now she'll have a good excuse to spend even more time shopping at Tower Place and Sak's. Now that she's a columnist, perhaps she should have a new picture taken, something that even Dennis Barrie might like to see.



### Direct appeal

Everybody keeps asking who's paying for those yard signs that say "City Council, Where's my \$50,000?" The Whistleblower has learned that they're part of **Jay Andress'** city council campaign, and the \$50,000 is how much most people think a councilman can steal during his first year in office.



### Signs of life

School tax increase foe **Blake Baird** finally got his face on TV last weekend, putting to rest rumors of his demise.

"I finally figured out why the news media has been so biased in their coverage," Baird explained afterwards. "The anti-levy volunteers don't have money to buy ads."



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## Another Real Guest Editorial by Bunky Tadwell

**W**hat's all this crap about trashing Christopher Columbus? You may be aware that in 1992, it will have been 500 years since he sailed the ocean blue. The revisionists, soreheads, and people with little or no lives of their own have been howling a dozen or more different tunes about why the "discovery" of the western world was a horrible mistake and that we should still be clothed in potato skins (animal skins not being politically correct) and communicating by drawing pictures in the dirt with sticks.

First of all, yes, there were people here when Columbus got here. They were not lost. Maybe they didn't exactly know where they were, but they probably did not care. And it is true the Vikings or the Irish or a bunch of Swiss bobbed riders landed on the shores of what is now North America before Columbus. Asians

what Columbus did. That's what he was paid to do.

People have a tendency to rewrite history to suit themselves. Usually it is done by a ruling party or a dictator. The Russians are probably completely confused because so much of their past has been doctored by the Communist Party and the various emperors who had sat uneasily at its head. It happens all the time in countries all over the world. In the United States,

even the smallest pressure group can get things changed to fit their wild hare ideas of how things were, are, should be and will be. Stranger yet, they can get the government to pay for it and support it with the money taken from the people the changes will damage. What a country!



crossed the land bridge into Alaska and wandered down into the lower 48. Hell, people from outer space were here, if you listen to the other nut cases. Who cares?

What Columbus did was to TELL SOMEONE ABOUT IT! He was looking for a way to make a name for himself, pick up some money, and get trade going. He was looking for Japan. And he and his crew did not believe they would sail off the edge of the earth. Most folks, even then, knew the world was round. Columbus had a purpose. It wasn't to just sail around and go back home. He was a mover and a shaker.

Imagine what it would have been like if others had made "discoveries" and then forgot about it. Suppose Alexander Graham Bell would have said to Watson or whatever his name was, "come here, I need you," then decided that a telephone would have been an intrusion and skipped the whole thing. Or if Edison had invented the light bulb and then had second thoughts about putting oil lamps out of business. Or if he decided he didn't want to run up the electric bill. So, he just put the bulb aside and went on to one of his naps. It doesn't do much good to invent, perfect, or discover something if you don't tell anyone about it. That's

So let's lighten up a bit, huh, folks? Columbus was, in effect, an act of nature. The strong are going to survive at the expense of the weak, the stupid, and the ones who don't do anything with what they have. If it had not been Columbus, someone else would have come along and did what O' Chris did...and that was simply to say "Hey, guys, look what I found. Is this great or what?"

It's sort of like members of Congress discovering they could write bad checks and skip out on meals without paying. Had just one congressman committed such an act and not told anyone, not much would have taken place. But once he found a good thing, the blood suckers came in droves to take advantage of the weak and stupid...in this case, voters.

So don't blame Columbus.

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## Real Editorials By the Publisher Charles Foster Kane

### But seriously, folks...

"H ey...this is supposed to be a humorous publication. The only problem is—too many of our readers are taking The Whistleblower's jokes far too seriously.

For example, take that little joke we made about Covington Landing's having a some minor financial trouble.

You could have knocked us over with a feather when three weeks later, the rest of the news media ran great big stories saying they had defaulted on \$5.5 million worth of loans.

Or how about when we kidded around that Judge Tom Crush would let Mickey Esposito off using the insanity defense?

That came true too.

Or last week, when we wrote in jest that some of the more spineless members of Cincinnati City Council would cave in to the all-powerful black teenager-drug dealer lobby and vote down Jim Cissell's beeper ban law.

Never in our wildest dreams did we believe that it would actually happen.

It's getting scary, folks. During the past 70 issues we've made jokes, but people have read them, and then acted them out.

How else can you explain the Hamilton County Commissioners "putzing around" and avoiding their responsibility to solve the jail problem? Mike Maloney's letting Dusty Rhodes become Hamilton County Auditor? Tom Luken's battle royal with the hags and fags in the local Democratic Party? Channel 9's "I-Team's" not being intrepid enough to find out if Randy Little really wears a toupee? Schottzie's cruel and painful demise? WLWT's giving Jerry Springer his own TV talk show and making sure it's so bad it could never succeed? Howard Metzenbaum's disgraceful antics at Senate hearings? The Bengals' disastrous 0-5 start? Ray Comb's giving up show business to invest in a comedy club in the middle of downtown Cincinnati?

The responsibility for all of these tragedies is getting to be more than we can endure.

Therefore, if you people won't stop using The Whistleblower's far-fetched satire and parody as a script for all those foolish things you've been doing, we're just going to have to stop making jokes altogether.

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## Real Facts "More of the News They Seem to Lose"

### Is he or isn't he?

Only Steve Chabot's hair-dresser knows for sure.... But some observers argue that Steve is definitely sprouting more hair. His or someone else's, we don't know.

If he's doing hair replacement, he could have a fund-raiser. Sell tickets for one dollar each. And have guests guess the number of hairs on his head.

Just think how much money he could raise. They're would never be a winner because there would be a different number each week. If promoted properly (through the Commissioner's office, for example) this could generate more bucks than a tax increase for Simon Leis' new jail to lock up all of David Mann's criminals.

Think of the "head" lines. Steve Chabot responsive for single-

headedly putting Hamilton County back in the black (or would he follow Jim Knippenberg and Felicia Ferguson's lead and be back in the blonde?)

Which brings to mind one of those dumb blonde jokes. Know how to put a sparkle in Steve Chabot's eyes? Shine a flashlight in his ear. It might even-make his hair shine, too.

Neighbors say the Chabot children have been grieving over the loss of the family cat.

You don't suppose....

### Hair-Brained!



Chabot '92

### Tyrone Yates' latest brainstorm—"Beggar Bucks"

Cincinnati City Council candidate Tyrone Yates says he has only the purest motives in suggesting that the city issue guilt coupons for people to give to beggars instead of money.

And if it were not so close to election time, somebody might even believe him.



### Wildman wumped in limerick contest

Last week, 3217 hype-overdose victims called the Whistleblower Hotline to enter the Whistleblower Limerick Contest. The winner was the entire staff and management of WEBN Radio. They will each receive surplus Desert Storm gas masks to wear the day Wildman Walker returns.

His winning entry was:

There once was a sports schmuck named Wildman,  
Who came up with a marvelous game plan;  
On a billboard he'd stay,  
Collecting freebies and pay,  
Now all the man needs is a brain scan.

The first line of this week's limerick contest is:  
"The problem with our public schools..."



George Blake, Janet and Roger Ach, and Johnny Bench were just some of the guests who were greeted by Precinct owner Jeff Ruby to raise money for the FreeStore.



Who gives a big rat's ass!





**Bluegrass Holler**  
by Ken Cambou

**Bush whacked**

Republicans are still glowing after last week's visit by President George Bush, who stopped off in Louisville to stump for gubernatorial hopeful Larry Hopkins. Bush read his standard fill-in-the-name speech about what a terrific guy Hopkins has been in the Congress. It was good enough to raise a million bucks for Fightin' Larry's war chest. Bush hopped back on Air Force One and winged it to Nashville for a guest shot at the Grand Ole Opry.

**Entrenched**

The Covington City Commission election has been about as interesting as watching paint dry, but sparks flew last week when two incumbents snubbed a candidate forum put on by the Northern Kentucky Property Owners Association. The group of landlords sent out questionnaires to candidates and were politely told by Commissioners Jim Eggemeier and Jim Ruth that their organization didn't really amount to squat. And besides, they had a better offer that night for a free lunch on the other side of town.

**Judgement Day**

The best race in Northern Kentucky this Silly Season looks to be the one for a Kenton County District Court seat. Frank Trusty was appointed last month by Governor Wilkinson to fill the unexpired term of Wil Schroeder who moved up to Appeals Court. Trusty faces a whole slew of opponents in November for a full term, including early favorite Susanne Cetrulo, the daughter of Right-to-Life fanatic Robert Cetrulo. Also picked to finish strong is Patsy Summe, whose relatives number somewhere in the thousands, including Fiscal Court curmudgeon Charlie Summe.



Pee-Wee Herman was surprised by Angelo at the Florence Cinema in the latest Campbell County Chevrolet "Phrase that pays" television commercial.



**J. R. Hatfield**  
Northern Kentucky  
Bureau Chief

**Less is more**



Kentucky Post reporter Tom Williams has been on a crusade for months extolling the virtues of Metro government. Full-page testimonials to the system have run in the Post about once a month heralding its success in other areas of Kentucky.

Metro government is about as popular with Northern Kentucky politicians as campaign finance disclosure rules. These guys spend countless hours trying to promulgate the duplicitous and outmoded set up in place to insure that they never get dropped from anybody's invitation list.

The area has three counties, 39 cities, and special taxing districts for everything from education to sewer and water maintenance. That makes for a lot of small ponds and an equal number of big frogs to croak about what a great job they are doing for the taxpayers. It is an inefficient and expensive way to operate. Everybody talks about unity, but damn little is put into practice. Regionalism in Northern Kentucky means we all hate Cincinnati.

So far the only local politico to openly endorse Metro government has been State Senator Joe Meyer. The Covington Demo-



crat has long been a favorite of Kentucky Post editor Judy Clabes, so it isn't surprising that

Meyer is proclaimed by Williams as a visionary. But Joe has as many, if not more, detractors than supporters, so his seal of approval might also be the kiss of death for the concept.



Like it or not, Metro government is on the way. Small towns will fade into the lore of Americana the same way family farms and the corner grocery did. People are fed up with being taxed to death on multiple levels and not getting anything in return.

Sooner or later the masses will revolt, and demand something better for their money.

If we can't get government off our backs entirely, at least we can reduce the load by cutting loose a lot of the dead weight.

It won't happen over night. Williams has proposed a good start with the idea of a "federation of governments" to share the cost of services.

Williams' "federation of governments" will sound like the Soviet Union to a lot of the unschooled grunts who are in control now, but it's worth a try.

**South shore developments**

Newport mayor Steve Goetz was gloating over a \$2.6 million grant from the State of Kentucky to start work on the Harbor Town project. The riverfront complex will include a marina, a hotel, condominiums, and office space, as well as a Hooters restaurant, featuring girls with big breasts wearing tight T-shirts and hot



orange pants, to replace Newport Beach, which the Comisars moved to Iowa to cash in on riverboat gambling.

Our snoop in the crowd overheard Goetz cackling about being one up his Covington counterpart Denny Bowman.

Newport officials are still not talking about the fact that the developers of the project are the employers of Economic Development director Laura Long's architect husband.

**Coming next issue**  
**Covington Landing yard sale**



## Hotline Hang-ups

*Here are some of the anonymous calls we received last week on the Whistleblower Hotline.*

Why doesn't The Whistleblower publish names and addresses of men involved in prostitution arrests? We'd make sure their wives got a copy. For sure, *The Enquirer* and *Post* don't have the guts. Channel 9's "I-Team" couldn't find a hooker with a \$100 bill. And NewsChannel 5 would probably give them all their own TV-talk show.

We have evidence that a judge recently let a defendant off to pay back his friends at the courthouse for the time they covered up when his son got in trouble. Where would you like the information sent?

A well-known newspaper editor was recently arrested for DUI for the third time. How come we didn't read anything about it in his paper?

Isn't there an \$81 fine for posting campaign signs illegally? I saw a school tax sign on the right-of-way in front of Brewster Rhoads' house.

So, this might be Eric Davis' last season as a Cincinnati Red. BFD. We thought he quit playing last May.

The Kenton County Fiscal Court was left some money by an old lady for the care and feeding and medical care of dogs in Kenton County. So far, they have used the money to buy a new truck and they're building a crematorium. We're all pretty upset about this, because we're sure the lady did not bequeath the money for these purposes.

How about all the CG&E freeloaders using company cars for personal shopping, eating, going to church, and taking their kids to school? No wonder they're asking for a rate increase.

### The Whistleblower hotline—call 749-1055

The Whistleblower has installed a special hotline for people wishing to give us more of the news the others seem to lose.

To make your report, call 749-1055 and listen carefully to the instructions.

To our knowledge, The Whistleblower is still the only publication in this area to offer a readers' call-in line.



This publication is a work of fiction. Any similarity to persons living or dead without satirical intent is purely coincidental, especially Pete Strauss.



## Real Gossip by Linda Libel

"If you build it, they will stay away...in droves!"  
Folks, we called it first. Okay, okay, we gave Covington Landing a year to go under. But we were close.

There are two groups of people out there...those who invested money in the Bernstein/Wachs fiasco because they were under the mistaken impression that everything Ben touches turns to gold, and those who are laughing their asses off watching that egomaniac eat his words.

Guess which group we're in.

Ben's not returning calls. Shirley's got her mouth shut...for once. Jim's ashamed to be seen at the health club, and Alan's off his feed.

The City of Covington has already forgiven Ben back lease payments, and considering who Covington Landing's 30 investors are, it would be politically unwise for Central Trust of Northern Kentucky to call the loan. But, if what Ben said prior to completion of the project is true, and he really did put up everything he owned, his cell in debtors prison will probably be ready to check-in sometime in early March. At least they won't be serving veal.

Wonder what all those Greater Cincinnati and Northern Kentucky Convention & Visitors Bureau execs are going to tell the groups they've pumped up on Covington Landing? We can just see all those tour buses pulling up to the river and finding nothing but a big hole in the water. A big hole that Ben Bernstein, Gary Wachs, their gullible gang

of 30, and the City of Covington have been dumping huge amounts of money into. Oh, what to do about those conference planners? Give them the number to the Dubuque Convention & Visitors Bureau in Iowa. 'Cause that's where the Spirit of America is gonna be docked.

All we really want to know though, is if Ben is going to have to give back all the "Businessman of the Century" awards he's been collecting all over town for the past year and a half.

Somebody who's not losing any sleep over all this is Drawbridge Estate owner Jerry Deters who has been locked in a power struggle with Ben for as long as we can remember in the quest to become king of Northern Kentucky.

Who says you can't buy a Chamber of Commerce? Ben's political power has been such that we heard Sara Pearce was taken off the Cincinnati Enquirer restaurant beat because she gave Stobart's a bad review. Overrated, over-

priced food served by an inexperienced staff. It might have been true but, think of all those good advertising dollars the Bernsteins paid the paper for all those years. And that was the thanks they got!

As if Ben didn't have enough trouble, rumormongers tell us that last week he came just this close to selling El Greco to Chef Harold Hayes. The deal fell through at the last minute.

Poor Ben. He sold his soul to the devil, now old Beelzebub has come to collect.



### Guess Who?

Which female Cincinnati city council candidate is rumored to have been living in sin with a married man for years?



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